**I. GOD IS HOLY**

A. His Nature of Holiness

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. II Corinthians 5:21 (NKJ)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ no sin.

"Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"

1 Peter 2:22 (NKJ)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ no sin.

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJ)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin.

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

Hebrews 7:26 (NKJ)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from sinners.

"There is none holy as the Lord for there is none beside Thee" I Samuel 2:2

B. Absence of Defilement

"Far be it from God that He should do **wickedness**; and from the Almighty that he should commit **iniquity.**" Job 34:10

He is entirely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from all that is evil

He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from wrong or evil

C. Sin Separates Us From God

"But your **iniquities** have **separated** between you and your God and your **sins** have **hid** his face from you that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2

D. Response to His Holiness

"I am a man of unclean lips...for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah 6:5

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A **right** view of **sin** comes from a **right** view of **God**.

**II. CALLED TO BE HOLY**

A. It is Commanded.

"Be ye holy... For I am Holy" Leviticus 11:44; I Peter 1:15-16

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" Hebrews 12:14

Holiness is not an **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

B. It is Separation.

We are to be separate from the **world**- "...and to keep himself **unspotted** from the world." James 1:27

We are called to get out of the world. II Corinthians 6:17

The word "holy" means "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_".

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. II Corinthians 5:17

There is a distinction between what we were and what we have now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed." Romans 12:2

**The world is an ordered system whose god is the devil. We are to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the world.**

2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

"...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the **enemy** of God." James 4:4

**III. GOD CALLS US TO CONTINUE IN HOLINESS**.

*II Peter 2:20-22*

*For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*

***Love Not* the World.**

 The world consists of three areas: *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. I John 2:16*

1. Lust of the Flesh

2. Lust of the Eyes

3. Pride of Life

We are not to indulge ourselves in these areas, but rather we separate ourselves from them. We avoid letting the world system enter into our hearts by carefully choosing what we hear, read and see.

**III. HOLINESS OF THE INNER PERSON**

We are to be strengthened with might by the Spirit in the **inner** man Ephesians 3:14‑21

Saints are to delight in the law of God after the **inward** man

Romans 7:22

The inward man is characterized by Paul in a contrast between the **"OLD MAN"** and the **"NEW MAN"**).

Shedding the **"old man"** requires cleansing from within. They are as follows:

Only God can cleanse us within; this is accomplished through salvation from sin at which time we are washed in His blood. From that day forward, we must put forth every effort to retain that purity lest Satan defile us again

(Gal. 4:9; 5:1; II Pet. 2:20-22).

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. "Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matthew 23:25-28 (NKJ)

God hates hypocrisy. He prioritizes cleaning up the inside \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , then cleaning up the outside.

**IV. HOLINESS OF THE BODY**

A. The Body is the Temple of God

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the **Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: Therefore **glorify** God in your body , and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1

**V. WE ARE NOT SAVED BY WORKS, BUT WE ARE SAVED UNTO WORKS.**

 *Ephesians 2:8-10 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

*Titus 3:5 -8 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.*

*James 2:14 -26 14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace,*

*Be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

**AREAS AND PRINCIPLES OF HOLINESS WE WILL DISCUSS**

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